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presents
“Just Bring Your Clothes”

A installation brought to you by **Olek**
At the **chashama Installation Gallery**, 112 W 44th (between Broadway & 6th Ave)

Gallery open: 3-8pm October 28-30, November 1-4, November 9-13
open to the public, with a donation of clothes, fabric, sheets or small objects.

Directions: 1, 2, 3, N, R, W, Q, F, V, B, D to 42nd Street

FREE – viewable from the street 24 hours a day
October 28th – November 13th

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Just Bring Your Clothes is an installation artwork made by Olek using the donated materials brought in by the public. Olek and her art making process will be on display within the gallery as she spontaneously creates the installation around her. The journey to the final work will be informed by the materials that make their way to the gallery from the closets of strangers. The only people allowed into the space from October 28th to November 9th, are those people with a donation of clothes, fabric, sheets, or small objects to be recycled into the work. Beginning November 2nd, parts of the installation will go on sale. Certified Donors may purchase works for \$99. Non-Donors will be able to purchase works beginning November 10th, for \$199.



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About the Artist:

Olek was born Agata Oleksiak in Poland and graduated from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poland with a degree in cultural studies. In New York, she rediscovered her ability to crochet and since then she has started her crocheted journey/madness. She received the Ruth Mellon Award for Sculpture, was selected for 2005 residency program at Sculpture Space, 2009 residency in Instituto Sacatar in Brazil, and is a winner of apex art gallery commercial competition. Olek was an artist in an independent collective exhibition, "Waterways," during the 49th Venice Biennale. She was also a featured artist in "Two Continents Beyond," at the 9th International Istanbul Biennale. For more info: www.agataolek.com

chashama is a NYC arts organization whose mission is to support artists of all genres. chashama adopts vacant properties that are donated by their owners and converts them into theatres, galleries, studios, and window performances sites; chashama then regrants this space for free or at heavily subsidized rates. Since 1995, chashama has transformed more than 20 vacant properties and has given more than 5,000 artists access to space.

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